

WHAT IS FERC'S LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY?

- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires FERC to take into account the effects of its actions—such as relicensing Lake Oroville—on “**historic properties**.” (<http://www2.cr.nps.gov/laws/NHPA1966.htm>)
- The process of complying with this law is called the “**Section 106 process**.”
- The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has **regulations** that set out how the Section 106 process must proceed. (<http://www.achp.gov/regs.html>)

WHAT DOES “HISTORIC PROPERTIES” MEAN?

- A historic property is any **district, building, structure, object or site** (such as an archaeological site) that is important enough to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

WHAT ARE THE STEPS IN THE SECTION 106 PROCESS?

- Finding out if there are “historic properties” in the project area—the **inventory and evaluation**.
- Determining if these important properties will be harmed or **affected** by the project.
- Agreeing what can/should be **done** about it—the **Cultural Resources Management Plan**
- **Carrying out the Plan**.

WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS?

- **Inventory** is done
 - 12,500+ acres inspected
 - 721 sites found (268/prehistoric; 386/historic, 67/both)
- Next stage is **evaluation**
- Two plans, **prehistoric sites/historic-era sites**, are in preparation now
- They will set out **how** we will evaluate the sites
- Draft for historic-era sites will be finished in **late June**
- After internal review, it will be **distributed** to
 - tribes, State agencies (Office of Historic Preservation, DWR, DPR,) federal agencies (USFS, FERC), CRWG

WHAT WILL THE PLAN SAY?

(This is the plan for the evaluation, not the evaluation itself)

- It's impractical to study every site in detail so we propose to study a **sample** (+/-59) representing the range of **themes** in area history—Gold Mining, Water Conveyance, Agricultural Development, The Timber Industry, Industry and Commerce, Transportation, Immigration, and Settlement
- About 50% of sample sites are in the **fluctuation zone** and 50% out.
- Some areas were chosen that may be **developed** in the future
- Some sites are chosen because they are being **affected** by erosion, etc.

WHAT WILL THE PLAN SAY THE HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY TEAM WILL DO?

- The archaeologists:
 - detailed recording of surface features (walls, mining ditches, etc.)
 - detailed inventory of surface artifacts (pottery, glass, etc.)
- The historians:
 - oral history interviews and research primary records

WILL THEY DIG HOLES OR COLLECT ARTIFACTS?

- The plan calls for no excavation at all
- A historic period artifact may be collected if:
 - it is in danger of being stolen
 - it is particularly useful for display and may be difficult to find it again

SLIDES OF THE SITES

